Central Plains Dressage Society Meeting Minutes August 12, 2018 On-line meeting via zoom.com

The meeting was called to order by Chris Cashel at 5:03 p.m. A quorum was present. Present: Chris Cashel, Stacia Wert-Gray, Annie Houchin, Nancy Eytcheson, Janet Cagle, Robin Hessel, Nancy Litsch and Christina Harmon.

Minutes from the July meeting were moved to be approved by Stacia Wert-Gray, and seconded by Janet Cagle. Unanimous approval.

Committee reports:

Working Equitation: no report

- **Membership:** Christina Harmon reported that we have 144 members currently, and we discussed several ways to increase membership before the USDF deadline of November 30.
- **Breed Awards:** Christina Harmon reported that she has heard back from the Morgan Association who will be sending an application, and has already sent Stacia a year end ribbon. Christina has been in contact with Oldenburg, Frisian and KWPN associations, but has not heard back yet. Still needs to contact Hanovarian association.
- Awards: We discussed award ideas including the 40 grooming totes and 80 hay bags string bags, and neck ribbons. Chris Cashel had researched getting the items stitched with CPDS logo for \$4 each. Stacia believes we have sufficient funds in the account for yearend awards, including volunteer thank you gifts.
- **Treasurer:** Approximately \$7500 in account to cover the September 1 recognized show, September 8 schooling show and year end awards.
- **USDF Recognition Awards:** Chris Cashel sent out drafts of the proposals to the board. Asked everyone to please review and comment so they can be submitted.
- **CPDS Board nominations:** Annie Houchin reported that there are at least four people who have made inquiries or have been approached to run for the board.

Education:

-Janet Foy Symposium at VV, October 20-21, 2018. Stacia did a flyer for the Board to look at and comment on as soon as possible. Janet Cagle will post to the website, and Robin Hessel will post on the Facebook page. Discussed live streaming the demo rides and how to possibly use them as a fundraiser through USDF or on our own.

- **Volunteer Thank You gifts:** Chris Cashel researched canvas bags that could be embroidered with the CPDS logo.
- Fundraising: No report
- **Show Schedule:** needs to be nailed down soon to be included in the Omnibus. Stacia Wert-Gray to send out to the board ASAP.
- **Summer AGM:** The 30 minute meeting agenda was discussed and will include the Region 9 report on the club achievements, a membership report, promotion of the Janet Foy Symposium and the Freestyle Festival.

New Business:

Website: Discussion on postings online for the website, emails and Facebook. Janet Cagle to investigate and make sure everything is current. There was no newsletter in August, so Janet volunteered to do a news flash about the Adult Camp, the AGM and the Symposium. Need an accurate count for the AGM luncheon, so it needs to stay out there.

Wellness Day: scheduled for September 18. Robin Hessel will send newsblast after meeting with providers.

Freestyle Festival/Winter AGM: Raffle for membership renewals discussed. Nancy Eytcheson and Nancy Litsch to coordinate. Christina Harmon to let members know so they renew in a timely fashion.

Next meeting is scheduled on September 9, 5:00 pm.

Janet Cagle made a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Stacia Wert-Gray. All agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.